accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (b)(2)(iii), the identified paragraph is set forth in marked up version in the pages attached to the amendment.

First full paragraph on page 6:

The coating 132, which is applied on the plates 106, 108 in a fluid state and then solidified in situ, comprises a blend of one or more reactive coating precursors that are subsequently polymerized and/or cross-linked. Here, "reactive" means that the components of the coating 132 react with one another other or self-react to cure (solidify); such materials are also referred to as thermosetting resins. Depending on the type of reactive components employed, the coating 132 can be cross-linked and/or polymerized using any number of mechanisms, including oxidative curing, moisture curing, thermal curing, high energy radiation curing (e.g., ultraviolet curing, electron beam curing), condensation and addition polymerization, and the like.

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REMARKS

After entry of this amendment claims 1-24 will be pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication that claims 18-24 are allowable as written and that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-5 and 15-17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 5, 8-10, 23, 24 and 33 of co-pending application 09/644,634. Applicants acknowledge this rejection and will take further action under advisement when the other outstanding rejections in this application are withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,183,901 to Ying et al. ("Ying"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.